UGH.
HRN-NNG.
NNNG.
UUUGG-GHHH.
SHIRO-SAN.
SHIRO-SAN!
OH!
SORRY. TIME FOR DINNER?
UM...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO NUMBER TWO, COULD YOU DO IT OUTSIDE?
USA-KUN, DO YOU THINK I ENJOY POOPING OUTSIDE?

SHIRO-KUN, YOU'RE NOT EATING.
DAZED
OH, SORRY.
YOU DON'T SEEM WELL LATELY.
SHIRT: PUNCH ME
NO, WAIT!
UM... I'VE JUST BEEN STUCK.
HE REALLY NEEDED TO TAKE A DUMP EARLIER...
IF YOU DO IT HERE, USA WILL FILL YOUR HOLE WITH MORTAR.
ME?!
THE MORE IRREVERSIBLE AN ACTION, THE MORE MASOCHISTS ARE DRAWN TO IT.
MOR-TAR...
YEAH, SO DO IT OUTSIDE.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT POOP!
ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD POOP OUTSIDE? ARE YOU TESTING MY MASOCHISM?

WHAT?
えっ
I'M STUCK ON MY NOVEL!
ALREADY?
WELL...
WELL... IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS UNEXPECTED.
I'M HOPING I'LL BE ABLE TO FINISH IT.
LAME.
MAYBE YOU CAN'T FINISH IT BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN A NEET FOR SO LONG.
WHY DON'T YOU QUIT?
I WON'T QUIT.
I WANT TO FINISH IT.

I'M SO PISSED OFF!
CLANG
BESIDES, THIS STORY'S ABOUT—
SO YOU'RE NOT STUCK, THEN! GOD, YOU'RE ANNOYING!
EVERY-THING LOOKS THE SAME...
HE LOOKED LIKE AN AUTHOR FOR A SECOND THERE.
HEAR NO EVIL
...BUT SOME-THING'S CHANG-ING.
IT'S THE END OF FALL.
I'M OFF...
WHOA.
WHOOSH
IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY COLD.
THANKS FOR WAIT-ING.

YOU'RE WEARING TIGHTS.
IT'S COLD TODAY.
I WEAR THEM ONCE IN A WHILE DURING WINTER.
IS IT WEIRD?
NO.
THEY'RE CUTE.
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
ON!
WHY WOULD YOU SUDDENLY SAY THAT?
SUDDENLY?
IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ALL LAST YEAR.
BUT NOW THAT I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND, I THOUGHT IT'D BE OKAY IF I SAID IT.
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
OW, OW!

SO IT'S OKAY AS LONG AS IT'S NOT MORNING?
DON'T DO THIS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!
SORRY. DON'T BE MAD.
!
I'LL STOP SAYING THAT STUFF IN THE MORNING.
?
YOU DO THAT.
I WANT TO HOLD HER.
I CAN'T CONTROL MY DESIRES...
IT'S...
IT'S NOT THAT...
I DON'T... LIKE IT...
BUT...
IT'S ALMOST WINTER.
ENTRANCE EXAMS ARE COMING UP.
HOW'D YOU DO ON THE MOCK EXAM THE OTHER DAY?
I GOT AN A.
YOU LOOK SMUG.

...
WHEN YOU GRAD-UATE...
...WILL YOU MOVE OUT OF THE KAWAI COMPLEX?
I THOUGHT I WOULD BEFORE,
BUT IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO SCHOOL.
I THOUGHT... STAYING A LITTLE LONGER
MIGHT BE OKAY.
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
I CAN USE THE KAWAI COM-PLEX...
IT'LL LET US STAY TOGETHER.
AND I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY STRANGE GUYS APPROACHING YOU!
OH, SHIT. I WAS TOO HONEST.
...TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

...
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING.
MY GIRLFRIEND'S SO CUTE IT HURTS.
YOU LOOK LIKE A MESS.
SHE THINKS SO HIGHLY OF ME.
YOU'RE A STUPID VIRGIN WHO FANTASIZES ABOUT KINKY FETISHES.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A BIT MUCH?
BUT EVEN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE...
...KAWAI-SENPAI HAS GOTTEN CUTER.

IT'S LIKE SHE'S FULL OF EMOTION.
BEFORE SHE USED TO JUST EXPRESSIONLESSLY READ BOOKS.
YEAH...
SHE'S CHANGED SINCE SHE STARTED SPENDING TIME WITH ME.
BUT SHE'S GRADUATING SOON.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THE UNFRIENDLY PERSON SHE USED TO BE,
BUT IN HER CURRENT STATE, SHE MIGHT HAVE GUYS APPROACH HER.
HEH HEH HEH
YOU WERE ANNOYING WHEN YOU WERE USELESS,
BUT YOU'RE STILL ANNOYING NOW THAT YOU'RE CONFIDENT.
WE'LL BE TOGETHER AT THE KAWAII COMPLEX, SO IT'S OKAY!
THERE'S NO WAY!!
YOU'RE NAIVE, USA.
WOMEN CHANGE AT THE DROP OF A HAT.

WHAAAAT?!
LIKE HOW I GOT A BOYFRIEND YESTERDAY!
WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER AT A FRIEND'S FRIEND'S GET TOGETHER.
YOU'RE JOKING.
TAGA-MI...
HE'S AN ULTRA WORTH-LESS VIRGIN, TOO.
IF I HADN'T TAKEN A STEP FORWARD, I'D BE UNBEAR-ABLE TO WATCH, TOO.
USA, YOU'RE THINKING SOMETHING RUDE OVER THERE, AREN'T YOU?
REST IN PEACE...
DON'T SCARE ME
BY SAYING SHE'LL SUDDENLY CHANGE.
3-4
I HEARD YOU'RE FINALLY DATING THAT BOY.
AND YOU'VE GOT EXAMS, TOO. I'M SO JEALOUS.
TAKAHA-SHI-KUN TOLD ME!
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME.
HEY, RIT-CHAN!
SO CLOSE...

WHAAAT?!
WE'RE STILL NOT OFFICIALLY DATING WHILE WE'RE LIVING AT THE KAWAI COMPLEX.
TELL ME ABOUT HIM. WHAT'S HE LIKE?
HAVE YOU GONE ON A DATE? HAVE YOU KISSED?
KI...
WHAT?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? ARE YOU JUST TESTING THE WATERS?
OH, MAYBE THAT'S SMART, THOUGH.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE YOU GRADUATE.
IT MIGHT BE GOOD FOR SOMEONE AS CAREFUL AS YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GOOD?
...

DING DONG
DING DONG
I'M GOING HOME.
TAGAMI...
...MUST HAVE REALLY LIKED ME.
YOU KNEW...
WELL, YEAH, BUT HE ALWAYS ACTS ON WHIMS.
I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS SERIOUS.
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM YOU THAT WAY,
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BOTH USELESS.
DON'T CALL ME USELESS.
WOULD THINGS HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF TAGAMI HAD BEEN SERIOUS?
HMM...
TIMING'S IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW?
I LIKE MY BOYFRIEND NOW.
BUT WE MIGHT BREAK UP RIGHT AWAY, IN WHICH CASE I MIGHT CONSIDER TAGAMI.
USA, YOU KNOW...

YOU PERSISTENTLY WAITED FOR HER
AND DIDN'T LET HER GET AWAY DESPITE HOW USELESS YOU ARE.
I KNOW WHAT I SAID EARLIER,
BUT I HOPE YOU GUYS STAY TOGETHER!
...
THANKS.
WHOA!
WHAM
GOOD LUCK!
ANDO...
SORRY, THAT WAS TOO HARD!
ON.

I DID IT AGAIN.
UH-OH.
WAIT.

SENPAI?!
STEP STEP STEP STEP STEP
スタスタスタスタスタ
I'M LEAVING.

UM, THAT WAS JUST...
I HAVE A DEMAND.

BOOK: NEW VOLUME!!

BUT...
I-I WISH YOU WOULDN'T TOUCH THEM THAT MUCH...
I WANTED TO SAY.
IS WHAT...
ACTUALLY, JUST KIDDING.
NEVER MIND.
FORGET IT.
UGH...
HRN-GGG...
WHAT?
ARE YOU LIKE SHIRO-SAN WAS YESTERDAY?
I'M NOT CONSTIPATED!
SEN-PAI...

UM,
I HAVE MY OWN DEMAND, TOO!
LET'S HOLD HANDS WHILE WE WALK HOME!
DO YOU WANT...
...TO TOUCH ME, TOO?
HMPH!
OH, RIGHT.
YOU'RE READING TODAY.
TO-MOR-ROW...
WITH-DRAW

IT'S A PAPERBACK.
I CAN READ IT ONE-HANDED.
M
I'M SO HAPPY.
SILENCE
GLANCE

SHE'S FOCUSED.
MAYBE IT'S A GOOD BOOK.
SHE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HEAR ME.
JUMP
COULD I READ—
OH!
RUSTLE
SORRY. IT'S MY FAULT FOR TALKING TO YOU WHILE YOU WERE FOCUSING...
YIKES
THE COVER CAME OFF!
THE COVER STRIP...
IT'S CREASED...
I CAN'T.
HUH?

I CAN'T FOCUS...
...AROUND YOU.

SENPAI...

WHUD
URGH!
...
WHAT?!
I-I'M SORRY!
I HAVEN'T EATEN A SPINE ATTACK UPPERCUT IN A WHILE.
I WAS SO SURPRISED, I COULDN'T HELP IT!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN SO CARRIED AWAY.
UM,
USA-KUN?
DOES IT HURT? SORRY.
IT SERIOUSLY HURTS TO BE REJECTED SO FORCEFULLY.
THE PHYSICAL PAIN IS PRETTY BAD, TOO.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT EVENING OR NIGHT?!
I SUCCUMBED TO TEMPTATION AT THE TWILIGHT HOUR AND BEHAVED MOST SCANDALOUSLY, LIKE A PARADE OF DEMONS IN THE NIGHT!
IT'S NOT LIKE THIS PLACE IS DESERTED, EITHER.
WHAT WAS I THINK-ING?
SORRY!
I UNDER-STAND. I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO CONTROL? DOES THE EVIL SPIRIT IN YOUR PANTS WANT TO GO ON A NIGHTTIME PARADE?
WHAT WAS I THINKING, WHEN THIS ROAD IS TRAVELED BY MAYUMI-SAN?
WHO?!
I'LL EXORCISE YOU IN THE RIVER BELOW!
I WOULD'VE DECAPITATED YOU INSTANTLY IF I'D SEEN WHAT YOU DID.
AAALIGH!
YOU'LL TURN IT INTO THE RIVER STYX!